

Since its inception, the Hawaii Wing has performed critical public safety missions for the State of Hawaii. As early as 1957, the Hawaii Wing became part of the Hawaii Emergency Services Tsunami Warning Program for Kauai Island, and to this day, CAP aircraft are the only state resources for issuing tsunami warnings in places where there are no warning sirens or the sirens are inoperative. Additionally, working both in the air and on the ground, the over 600 members of the Hawaii Wing perform emergency services for the Hawaii Federal Emergency Management Agency and augment search and rescue services throughout the state.

A major part of the Wing's community outreach is providing aerospace education to Hawaii's youth and inspiring them to pursue careers in aerospace; aviation; and other science, technology, engineering and mathematics-related fields. The Wing's cadet programs also provide flight experience to students, which can spur lifelong interest in aviation or encourage the pursuit of a career in related fields. Along with these invaluable educational experiences, the Hawaii Wing instills values of leadership and character in their recruits which will help cadets in all aspects of their life and help them give back to their communities.

Please join me in extending a mahalo to the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol for its service in our skies and in our communities and a hearty congratulations on its 75 years of service to the people of Hawaii.

IN APPRECIATION OF MR. HENRY BURKE FOR HIS SERVICE ON MY STAFF

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 22, 2022*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise in appreciation of Mr. Henry Burke for his service to the people of California's Third Congressional District as a member of my staff. A native of Davis, California, Mr. Burke joined my office in June 2021, having interned previously at my offices in Davis and my Washington, D.C. His work as a Civic Intern made him a natural choice as Scheduler and Digital Director in my office.

The Scheduler is widely considered to be one of the most demanding positions in any Congressional office. From ensuring that I made votes on the House floor, joined Committee proceedings, or attended meetings with constituents and dignitaries, Mr. Burke's work each day ensured that I was able to carry out my duties as a Member of Congress.

In addition to serving as my Scheduler, Mr. Burke also served as my Digital Director, helping to increase our online engagement substantially across my social media channels. In that role, he proved adept at translating my work in Congress into captivating online content and connecting the important issues facing California and our nation with the everyday challenges and triumphs of my constituents. Working under my longtime Communications Director, Mr. Burke grew into the role and became an integral member of my D.C. staff. Quite simply, his excellent work revitalized my online presence heading into California's redistricting following the 2020 census.

Mr. Burke has joined the Revolving Door Project, a project of the nonprofit Center for Economic and Policy Research, as a Research Assistant. I and all the members of Team Garamendi wish him all the best in his new position. During his tenure on my staff, Mr. Burke approached his work with an upbeat outlook, demonstrated ability to think outside the box, and flexibility to solve challenges as they arise without complaint. These same qualities will serve him well in his future endeavors.

While we will miss him, we all look forward to what Mr. Burke will do next. He will remain a deeply valued member of Team Garamendi, always.

### CELEBRATING DR. DIETER MARTIN GRUEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. SEAN CASTEN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 22, 2022*

Mr. CASTEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a friend and scientific luminary, Dr. Dieter Martin Gruen, on his 100th birthday. Dr. Gruen has led a distinguished career, and it is my honor to acknowledge his service and contributions to the scientific community, as well as record my continued support for his nomination for the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Throughout his exceptional career, Dr. Gruen has made significant contributions to new energy technologies. Dr. Gruen has worked to enhance American technology development as a former Manhattan Project Scientist and Argonne National Laboratory Distinguished Fellow. Though he officially retired from Argonne in 2012, Dr. Gruen has never stopped working and now devotes his life to fighting climate change and advancing solar energy. Dr. Gruen is a humble embodiment of a dedicated American and scientist.

Born in 1922, Dr. Gruen is an internationally esteemed German-American chemist, inventor, and innovator who immigrated to the U.S. from Nazi Germany in 1936. Throughout his career, Dr. Gruen has been driven by his curiosity and commitment to science—allowing him to make critical contributions to nuclear fission and fusion, solar energy, energy storage, and conservation. Specifically, Dr. Gruen has made several key technological advancements such as the nuclear submarine reactor cooling design and purification of uranium used to end World War II in the Pacific theater.

Through this work and countless other selfless endeavors, Dr. Gruen has been recognized by the international scientific community with numerous awards—including from Argonne National Laboratory, Northwestern University, and the Patent Law Association of Chicago—for his pioneering research in chemistry, physics, along with the emerging fields of materials and nanoscience. Dr. Gruen has been granted over 60 U.S. patents for his work in alternative energy and discoveries in interdisciplinary subjects.

Dr. Gruen's story is that of many immigrants to America. He left behind a place of persecution, discrimination, and lack of opportunity for a brighter future. Like so many others who arrived on our shores and helped build our na-

tion through their courageous spirit, collaborative character, unyielding dedication, and personal sacrifice, Dr. Gruen's courage and tenacity serves as an inspiration for us all.

I've had the great pleasure to learn from Dr. Gruen and his unique life journey and stories—from his work on the Manhattan Project, to the ins and outs of nuclear fission technology, to innovations that make solar energy competitive with fossil fuel energy. Dr. Gruen, through his 100 years and dedicated service to the advancement of science and society, inspires my own optimism in our ability to tackle the toughest issues facing society today.

In April 2021, it was my great honor to support Dr. Gruen's nomination for the highest civilian award in this country, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, alongside my colleagues Representatives BILL FOSTER, FRENCH HILL, JERRY MCNERNEY, and CHERI BUSTOS. For all of the reasons mentioned here and many more, I cannot think of a more deserving citizen for this award.

I wish Dr. Gruen the happiest of 100th birthdays. I thank him for all his decades of service and remarkable contributions to science which have positioned the United States as a leader and world power in national defense, technology and innovation.

### HONORING TERESA ZILK

### HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 22, 2022*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Teresa Zilk, community advocate and founder of "Stories to Tell My Daughter," as Iowan of the Week.

"Stories to Tell My Daughter (STMD)," a series of live storytelling events that center the voices and experiences of Black women and other women of color in our communities, is a dream brought to life by Teresa. In creating a platform for women to share the trials and triumphs of their lives on stage in front of an audience, she believed the experience would facilitate a particularly powerful and cathartic moment of healing for everyone involved. It was an admirable goal, especially during a time when the country is navigating collectively traumatic circumstances, and one that has come to fruition each time the events take place.

After years of careful thought and planning, STMD officially Launched in Des Moines in March of 2018. At the time Teresa and her family were navigating their own challenges, and she found that channeling her energy and focus into an uplifting project with so much potential was a boon to her wellbeing. She knew storytelling was important and wanted to share the concept with the community, but wasn't sure if people were going to show up for the first event. To her surprise, the performance sold out and had standing room only, so she moved to a larger venue at her alma mater, Grand View University, the following year. The event has continued to grow and draw in a diverse audience. She now hosts two events each year during which women discuss everything from the birth of their children, leaving abusive relationships and situations, starting

businesses, finding themselves, spiritual awakenings, beauty and understanding it goes beyond the physical, emerging as community leaders, and more.

Representation of Black women and other women of color matters, and STMD has become a beautiful way to celebrate their lived experiences, recognize their impact, and honor their voices in Iowa. Teresa's goal is to expand STMD's platform outside of the Des Moines area and further its reach. She has already taken "Stories to Tell My Daughter" to Dubuque by holding a recent event at Clarke University, and I look forward to its-continued growth and success in the coming years.

Additionally, Teresa has always been a strong advocate in the field of mental health. She worked as a community counselor for the American Red Cross early in her career and found it aligned with her skills and interests. She wanted to work in a field where she could make the most impact. Teresa has since worked in many different roles at various community support agencies and with many families throughout the years. She firmly believes mental health is and should be a top priority in all the work we do. As the pandemic has created even more challenges for Americans to have their basic needs met, Teresa knows how important it is to prioritize mental health as we continue to address challenges like housing, food insecurity, affordable health care, and education. All of these circumstances impact overall mental health for Iowans.

Teresa is a current graduate student at Drake University in the counseling program where she hopes to further her work in the mental health field. She looks forward to becoming a clinician and practitioner in our state, where the need for such professionals is great, and to helping Iowans lead healthier lives.

Teresa's work is inspiring, admirable, and worthy of high praise. She's helping our communities foster more empathy and understanding, heal from challenging circumstances, and move forward in a healthier mental space. It is my pleasure to recognize Teresa Zilk as Iowan of the Week.

## HONORING THE MEMORY OF RICHARD PEARL FLEMING

### HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 22, 2022*

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of Richard Pearl Fleming, who sadly passed away on Friday, September 30, 2022, at the age of 94.

Mr. Fleming was loved by many is his hometown of Enterprise and it's said, "he never met a stranger and loved everyone he met." Richard made friends no matter where he went or who he met, and he was an irreplaceable pillar of his community.

Richard and his wife Ruth owned and operated Fleming Ford Tractor, which was formerly known as Metcalf Tractor. Richard and Ruth, or Papa Richard and Mama Ruth, as they were known by friends and family, gave back to their community whenever they had a chance.

A devout man of faith and member of the First Baptist Church of Enterprise community, Richard spread love and joy to all those around. He was also known as "The Candy Man" because of the "thousands of pounds" of candy he would give to the children and families in his community.

The children would find him on every church occasion and Richard would give out candy to everyone. Richard was entertaining, kind, loving, and humorous. Never would a visitor leave empty handed from Richard, whether it was candy, a watermelon, or even a bag of tomatoes.

Richard Pearl Fleming dedicated his life to bringing joy to his friends, family, and everybody else around him. He was a loving son, husband, father, brother, and grandfather. He is survived by his three children, six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, brother Sam, and many nieces and nephews.

Richard Pearl Fleming was a joyous and loved citizen of Alabama's Second Congressional District that left lifelong impressions on many people. He will be deeply missed by many friends, family members, and all those he made smile.

## RECOGNIZING JIMMY DAY II

### HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 22, 2022*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Jimmy Day II for being recognized as the 2023 Colorado Teacher of the Year. Mr. Day has served as an educator for over a decade—inspiring, developing, and cultivating the musical talent that lies within his students.

Mr. Day joined East Middle School in Aurora, Colorado in 2017, where he serves as the Instrumental Music Teacher and Band Director. In addition to providing students with exceptional instruction in Instrumental Music, Mr. Day also leads the school's band program. The Colorado Department of Education credits Mr. Day for rebuilding and transforming three band programs during his career and transforming them into award-winning programs. As a result of his dedication to bettering the music program, his ability to connect with his students, and his effective teaching style, Mr. Day was previously recommended to participate in the Public Education & Business Coalition and the Aurora Public School Mentoring Community of Practice.

It is clear to anyone who knows Mr. Day, that though his knowledge and passion for music are extensive, the love he has for sharing that knowledge with his students is what makes him an exemplary teacher. Mr. Day's students describe him as a teacher exuding passion who always pushes them to try their best—wanting them to harness the potential he already knows lies within them. Mr. Day is known for helping his music students achieve success not only in music, but in developing the life skills they will carry with them long after they leave his classroom.

Teachers have a tremendous impact on the lives of our children and Mr. Day represents the best of what our teachers can be. I commend Mr. Day for his tireless dedication to his students, and congratulate him for receiving this recognition. It is an honor to recognize him and his achievements.